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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV REQUEST FOR BILATERAL

1. YUGOSLAV COUNSELLOR JOB CALLED ON POLCOUNS SEPT 28 TO REITERATE REQUEST FOR MINIC APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY. JOB CAREFULLY DESCRIBED HIS APPROACH AS "OFFICIEUSE" BUT ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT HIS VISIT HAD BEEN DECIDED ON AT THE CONCLUSION OF HOUR-LONG CONFERENCE OF YUGO DEL MEMBERS.

2. JOB SAID YUGOS RECOGNIZED KISSINGER UNABLE TO SEE EVERYBODY, BUT MINIC IS "IMPRESSIVE PERSONALITY" AND CONVERSATION BETWEEN HIM AND SECRETARY WOULD BE POLITICALLY, INTELLECTUALLY AND PHILOSOPHICALLY USEFUL AND BENEFICIAL ALL AROUND.

3. YUGOS, JOB CONTINUED, DID NOT SEE THEMSELVES AS EQUALLY IMPORTANT WITH USSR, UK AND FRANCE, BUT OTHER SECOOND TIER REPRESENTATIVES WERE BEING SEEN. IN PREVIOUS YEARS YUGO REP HAD ALWAYS BEEN RECEIVED. HE EMPHASIZED THAT YUGOS DESIRE FOR BILATERAL BASED ON SUBSTANTIVE GROUNDS AND NOT "JUST FOR THE HONOR OF THE THING".

4. JOB RITUALLY REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO SEEM TO BE THREATENING US, BUT THAT YUGO WAS, AFTER ALL, A UN MEMBER WHICH "PARTICIPATED IN A COMPREHENSIVE AND UNSTRUCTURED WAY" IN GAMUT OF UN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS "FOLLOW-UP
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TO ALGIERS" AND CHILEAN QUESTION IN SC. COMMENT: THREAT TO

BE NASTY ON THESE AND OTHER ISSUES WAS, DESPITE DISCLAIMER,
RATHER BALD.

5. POLCOUNS MADE NO PREDICTION AND REPLIED THAT HE WOULD
REPORT JOB'S REPRESENTATIONS FAITHFULLY TO SENIORS IN MISSION
AND TO WASHINGTON, WHERE DECISIONS ON SCHEDULE FOR BILATERALS
BEING MADE.

6. IN CONTINUING CONVERSATION, JOB ASKED FOR REACTIONS TO
MINIC GENERAL DEBATE ADDRESS SEPT 27. SPEAKING PERSONALLY,
POLCOUNS TOLD JOB INTER ALIA THAT IMPLICIT BUT CLEAR CHARGE
OF US COMPLICITY IN CHILEAN COUP WAS HIGHLY OFFENSIVE TO US
(MEMCON FOLLOWS).

7. COMMENT: WE HAVE READ WITH INTEREST BELGRADE'S 4349.
MOST OF AMB TOON'S ARGUMENTS ARE BEYOND OUR COMPETENCE.
HOWEVER, FROM NEW YORK EXPERIENCE, WE DOUBT THAT YUGOS FAIL
TO UNDERSTAND DEGREE AND KIND OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEIR
VIEWS AND CONDUCT AND OURS ON NON-ALIGEND MATTERS.
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